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Spring Meadows
Church of Christ

Thank You to everyone who helped with Lads to Leaders/ Leaderettes! We had 70+ participants with 32 families involved. Pick up a list in the lobby of those who participated.

Seasons of Life

I LOVE SPRING-TIME!!! (especially at Spring Meadows)!!!
It is wonderful watching everything burst forth into life after the season of winter. Various seasons affect the ways that plants grow and produce. I think I could also be said of our lives as well. As Natalie and I look at our final child heading off to college, we know that we are entering a new season. Several of our young families can't even begin to imagine what that will be like. As you go through life, each season is a blessing from God. **EXPERIENCE IT. EMBRACE IT. ENJOY IT.** Soak up every second for the gift that it is. God holds opportunities, blessings and spaces to grow in each season. I was recently challenged in an article by the following 4 questions that we each need to ask ourselves in every season of life:

1. What can I learn? We can only learn certain things through experience. Deuteronomy 11:2 tells us, *"Remember today what you have learned about the Lord through your experiences with him"* (Deuteronomy 11:2). Learning in the life of a Christian never stops. Let God continue to shape and mold you through the lessons of this season.
2. What can I enjoy in this season of my life? I have often been caught looking at what was coming next rather than enjoying what was happening NOW. Don't miss the blessings found in your NOW. Ecclesiastes 11:8 tells us, *"People ought to enjoy every day of their lives"* (NCV). I know that's not always easy. You'll have many rough days, but in those rough days find reasons to celebrate. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 tells us, I've found that we can *"give thanks in all circumstances"* (NIV).
3. What is most important in this season? YOU CAN'T DO IT ALL. The world pulls at us telling us to do more and more, but we only have so many minutes in a day. How many of those minutes will you devote to what MATTERS MOST? Identify the IMPORTANT and invest in those things. Jesus puts it this way: "seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).
4. How can you help others in this season of life? Each one of us is uniquely gifted in different ways to serve others. Look at every season as a new opportunity to use the gifts that God has given you to help others. *Galatians 6:10 says, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."* In this community, OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND for helping others." May we all allow God to use our lives to reach others.
Have a blessed week!
Chuck

SUNDAY BIBLE HOUR

Nursery - up to 24 months
Kelly Ruiz and Kristy Watson
Room 2 - 2 & 3 year olds
Allison Mason and Caroline Darden
Room 3 - 4's - PreK
Julie Beth Fox and Anna Kate Fox
Room 6 - Kdg - 1st
Jodi Morrissey and Kelli Stockton

SUNDAY CLASSES

Classes begin at 5:00pm.
Up to 24 months - Nursery
2's & 3's - Rm 2
4's - Rm 3, **K & 1st** - Rm 6
2nd & 3rd - Rm 4, **4th & 5th** - Rm 8
6th -12th - Teen Rooms
God's Family - (Aud) Andy Baker
Religious Neighbors' Beliefs - (Kitchen) JerryMorgan
College Age - (Elder's Rm) Jacob Netterville

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Classes begin at 6:30pm.
Please go directly to class.
Up to 24 months - Nursery
2's & 3's - Room 2
4's - 1st - Room 3
2nd - 5th - Room 8
6th -12th - Teen Rooms
College Age - (Fr. Class) Bryan Basham
Biblical Opportunities -(Aud)Jeff Mason
Walk as Jesus Walked-(Hall)Brent Spicer

Remember in Prayer

John Paul had heart valve replacement and bypass surgery last week. He remains at Vanderbilt Hospital. Please continue to pray for the Paul family.

Continue to Remember: Nancy Heffington, Adkins Family, Caroline Thurman, Bill Price, and Margaret Curtis.

Expectant Mothers - Victoria Talbert and Janae Richter

College Age Bonfire/Cookout

If you are in your 20's (or soon to be) you are invited to a "Roaring 20's Bonfire and Devotional" Tuesday, April 26th at 6:30pm. It will be at the home of Jim and Michelle Robinson, 3912 Albert Matthews Rd in Columbia. Other local congregations are invited too! Contact Braden Parsons at 931-374-7572 with questions.

Upcoming Events

Stitchers

Dana and Hannah Lawson are hosting the Stitch Sisters at their home 1512 Kinzer Lane, Columbia, on Saturday, May 7th, at 12:00. A light lunch and dessert will be served. RSVP by May 1st at 931-626-2853 or 931-374-5838.

Mugs and Muffins

Sign up today on the Events Board! Ladies are invited to the home of Janae Richter, April 28th, at 6:30pm for food, fellowship, and a devotional. Bring your favorite mug and muffins or an appetizer. Daughters are welcome too! 2768 Trasbin Ct. Thompson Station.

Kids Corner

TODAY is Kid's Day for 4th and 5th graders at Sandy Hook COC. Meet Angie up front after morning worship. Bring $15 for lunch.

We Need Your Help

If you are willing to help with VBS, June 27-29, see Daniel or Mallory Haile.

By the Numbers

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday Worship Service.....561
Sunday Evening Classes.....239
Wednesday Night Classes....256
Contribution: $22,259.00

Spring Meadows Youth Group

What a great week at Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes. So very thankful for all the participants and coaches that made this possible.

This week!
Monday - Singing night at the Garage Bible Study 7pm at our home.
Wednesday - WASH Day at 5pm at the building. We will have pizza for dinner.

Horizons at FHU - July 3 - 8 Open and filling fast! Sign up now if you are coming. This is for those who have FINISHED grade 7-12.

Maury Christian Camp- Week 2 - All girl spots are filled but you can be put on the waiting list if a spot opens. At this printing, there are less than 10 boy spots left. Week 1 of Maury Christian Camp has plenty of availability and I will be there.

COMING UP!
May 2nd will be the next area wide at Southgate Church of Christ.
Senior Appreciation Day will be May 15th. This will be our day where we honor our graduating high school seniors. More details to come! Parents- please send me 3 photos of your senior. One of those needs to be a senior picture.

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